

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) ~~A device~~ Device for ~~[[the]]~~ continuous delivery of bags with at least one bag delivery device and at least one linear continuously operating conveyor, whereby the bag delivery device delivers the bags to at least one linear continuously operating conveyor, ~~characterized in that~~ and wherein ~~[[a]]~~ the at least one continuously operating linear conveyor ~~[[1]] includes~~ is provided with bag receivers ~~[[2]]~~ and in that the a width of the bag receivers ~~[[2]]~~ is greater in ~~[[the]]~~ a conveying direction than ~~[[the]]~~ a width of the bags ~~[[3]]~~ to be received.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) ~~Device as in~~ The device of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the bag receivers ~~[[2]]~~ are attached to the at least one linear conveyor ~~[[1]]~~ or have receiving elements ~~[[4]]~~ formed on the at least one linear conveyor ~~[[1]]~~.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) ~~Device as in~~ The device of claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the linear conveyor is provided with at least one lateral ~~and/or lower~~ guide rail ~~(5, 6)~~ guiding the bags ~~[[3]]~~.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) ~~Device as in one of the claims 1 to 3~~ The device of claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the receiving elements ~~[[4]]~~ are provided with at least one opening in the cross-sectional surface perpendicular to the conveying direction and ~~in that the~~ at least one opening is adapted to a lateral guide rail ~~[[5]]~~.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) ~~Device as in one of the claims 1 to 4~~ The device of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a second, continuously operating linear conveyor ~~[[7]]~~ with bag

receivers is provided and ~~in that~~ the two linear conveyors (1, 7) are installed across from and parallel to each other.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) ~~Device as in~~ The device of claim 5, characterized in that wherein the two linear conveyors (1, 7) across from each other are laid out so as to converge conically in the conveying direction.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) ~~Device as in~~ The device of claim 5, or 6, characterized in that wherein the width of the bag receivers [[(2)]] of the two linear conveyors is greater than or equal to the double width of the bags [[(3)]] to be received.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) ~~Device as in one of the claims 1 to 7~~ The device of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a plurality of bag transfer devices [[(8)]] is provided.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) ~~Device as in one of the claims 1 to 8~~ The device of claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plurality of bag transfer devices [[(8)]] are provided with [[a]] feeder station(9) stations equipped with a hopper.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) ~~Device as in one of the claims 1 to 9~~ The device of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one belt conveyor is provided as the at least one linear conveyor (1, 7).

Claim 11 (New) The device of claim 1, wherein the linear conveyor is provided with at least one lower guide rail guiding the bags.

Claim 12 (New) The device of claim 5, wherein a plurality of bag transfer devices is provided.

Claim 13 (New) The device of claim 12, wherein the plurality of bag transfer devices are provided with feeder stations equipped with a hopper.

Claim 15 (New) The device of claim 5, wherein a belt conveyor is provided as the second linear conveyor.